

Our Father

V. Send forth your Spirit, and the world shall be created anew.

R. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

V. The Lord will grant his goodness.

R. And the earth shall yield its fruit.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto you.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray:

O Almighty God, in your kindness we humbly implore you to pour out your blessing upon these fields, acres, meadows, and pastures, which you have nourished with favorable weather. Grant to your people a constant spirit of gratitude for your gifts. Remove all barrenness from the land, and provide an abundance of good things for the hungry, so that the poor and needy may praise your wondrous name now and forever. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Blessing of a Stable

(For horses, cattle, swine, etc.)

Let us pray:

O Lord God Almighty, who willed that your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, be born in a stable and laid in a manger between two animals, bless this stable, we pray, and protect it from every snare and deceit of the evil one. Make it a safe shelter for the animals kept here.

And as the ox knows its owner and the donkey its master's manger, so grant that your servants made in your image, resembling the angels, and placed over the sheep, the oxen, and all the cattle of the pastures may not be like senseless beasts, without understanding. Rather, may all acknowledge you alone as God and the giver of every good gift. May they persevere faithfully in your service, give you thanks for blessings received, and thus merit still greater favors in the future. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.